

ensure that the mental health care needs of servicemembers and veterans are met.

(b) **COLLABORATION.**—The National Center on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder shall collaborate with the Secretary of Defense—

(1) to enhance the clinical skills of military clinicians through training, treatment protocols, web-based interventions, and the development of evidence-based interventions; and

(2) to promote pre-deployment resilience and post-deployment readjustment among servicemembers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

(c) **TRAINING.**—The National Center on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder shall work with the Secretary of Defense to ensure that clinicians in the Department of Defense are provided with the training and protocols developed pursuant to subsection (b)(1).

**SA 1867.** Mrs. HUTCHISON (for Mr. SALAZAR) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 93, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

SEC. 222. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall immediately submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on any Department of Veterans Affairs budget shortfall totaling 2 percent or more of the Department's total discretionary funding budget for a fiscal year.

(b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a comprehensive plan to improve long-term budget planning and actuarial forecasting at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**SA 1868.** Mr. CRAIG (for Mr. SALAZAR) (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 93, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

SEC. 222. (a) In conducting advanced planning activities under this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall reevaluate Veterans Health Administration Handbook 1006.1 and other guidance and procedures related to planning, activating, staffing, and maintaining community-based outpatient clinics.

(b) In conducting such planning, the Secretary shall—

(1) revise as appropriate existing policies to make them less disadvantageous to rural veterans; and

(2) reexamine criteria used in planning, activating, staffing, and maintaining such clinics, including geographic access, number of Priority 1-6 veterans, market penetration, cost effectiveness, and distance to parent facilities, to determine whether such criteria are weighted in a manner that negatively affects rural veterans.

**SA 1869.** Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction

and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 72, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 130. (a) The amount appropriated by this title under the heading "MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE" is hereby increased by \$10,000,000, with the amount of such increase to be made available to carry out a storm water drainage system project at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

(b) The amount appropriated by this title under the heading "MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY" is hereby decreased by \$10,000,000, and not more than \$30,000,000 of the total amount appropriated under such heading may be made available for the barracks complex in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

**SA 1870.** Mr. FRIST (for Mrs. HUTCHISON) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 55, line 4, strike "\$191,393,000" and insert "\$179,343,000".

On page 55, line 10, following "therefor", strike "." and insert ": Provided further, That of the amount provided for Military Construction, Army, \$8,900,000 shall be available for Phase 1a of a Permanent Party Barracks at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and \$3,150,000 shall be available for an Airfield Fire Station at Fort Sill, Oklahoma."

**SA 1871.** Mr. FRIST (for Mrs. HUTCHISON) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 56, line 11, strike "\$103,347,000" and insert "\$83,626,000".

On page 56, line 17, following "therefor", strike "." and insert ": Provided further, That of the amount provided for Military Construction, Air Force, \$5,721,000 shall be available for a B-2 Conventional Munitions Storage Facility at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, and \$14,000,000 for Phase 1 of Force Protection Enhancement at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma."

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to evaluate and receive a status report on the Environmental Management programs of the Department of Energy.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two

copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Clint Williamson 202-224-7556 or Steve Waskiewicz at 202-228-6195.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2005, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on "Examining the Financial Services Industry's Responsibilities and Role in Preventing Identity Theft and Protecting Sensitive Financial Information."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 22, 2005, at 10 a.m., on Communications in a Disaster, in SD-562.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 22, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on the following pending nominations:

Environmental Protection Agency, George M. Gray, of Massachusetts, to be an assistant administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of 5 years expiring June 30, 2010.

Department of the Interior, H. Dale Hall, of New Mexico, to be director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Environmental Protection Agency, Lyons Gray, of North Carolina, to be chief financial officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

Department of Commerce, Santanu K. Baruah, of Oregon, to be assistant secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on Thursday, September 22, 2005, at 9 a.m., to hold a hearing on nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,  
AND PENSIONS

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development, be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 22 at 3 p.m. in SD-430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND  
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 22, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a business meeting to consider pending committee business.

Agenda

Legislation

1. S. , Assure Emergency and Interoperable Communications for First Responders Act of 2005.

2. S. , an original bill to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

3. S. , a bill to expand the responsibilities of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction to provide independent and objective audits and investigations relating to the federal programs for Hurricane Katrina.

4. S. 939, Disaster Recovery Act of 2005.

5. S. 1700, a bill to establish an Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer.

6. S. , a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow employees of the judicial branch to establish an emergency leave transfer program in the event of a major disaster or emergency.

7. S. 572, Homeland Security Food and Agriculture Act of 2005.

Nominations

1. Stewart A. Baker to be Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

2. John R. Fisher to be Associate Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

3. Colleen D. Kiko to be General Counsel, Federal Labor Relations Authority.

4. Juliet J. McKenna to be Associate Judge, District of Columbia Superior Court.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup of Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in Senate Dirksen Office Building Room 226.

Agenda

I. Nominations

John G. Roberts, to be Chief Justice of the United States; Timothy Flanigan, to be Deputy Attorney General.

II. Bills

S. 1088. Streamlined Procedures Act of 2005; Kyl, Cornyn, Grassley, Hatch;

S. \_\_\_\_\_. Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2005; Specter, Leahy, Feingold;

S. 751. Notification of Risk to Personal Data Act; Feinstein, Kyl;

S. 1326. Notification of Risk to Personal Data Act; Sessions;

S. 155. Gang Prevention and Effective Deterrence Act of 2005; Feinstein, Hatch, Grassley, Cornyn, Kyl, Specter;

S. 1086. A Bill to Improve the National Program to Register and Monitor Individuals Who Commit Crimes Against Children or Sex Offenses; Hatch, Biden, Schumer;

S. 956. Jetseta Gage Prevention and Deterrence of Crimes Against Children Act of 2005; Grassley, Kyl, Cornyn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing entitled, "The Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Small Businesses" on Thursday, September 22, 2005, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 22, 2005, for a committee hearing titled "Preserving Sacred Ground; Should Capital Offenders be Buried in America's National Cemeteries?" The hearing will take place in Room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed markup on the fiscal year 2006 Intelligence Authorization.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be author-

ized to meet on Thursday, September 22, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing regarding "Cost and Payment Plans of Medicare Part D."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 22 at 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 435, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes, S. 1096, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the system, and for other purposes, S. 1310, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, S. 1378, a bill to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to provide appropriation authorization and improve the operations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and S. 1627, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to evaluate resources along the coastal region of the State of Delaware and to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park in Delaware.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BENNETT. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator McCain's legislative fellow, Navy CDR Shawn Grenier, be granted floor privileges during consideration of H.R. 2528.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Kimberly Jackson on my staff be granted the privilege of the floor throughout my remarks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROVIDING FOR CONTINUED EDUCATION OF STUDENTS AFFECTED BY HURRICANE KATRINA

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1764, introduced earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1764) to provide for the continued education of students affected by Hurricane Katrina.